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# 'Really big deal' for city powers

MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE ACT

Nenshi cheers changes that offer tools for levies, housing



Helen Pike Metro Calgary

Calgary's mayor said tweaks in the Municipal Governance Act (MGA) means hundreds of millions will stay in city coffers and "help growth pay for itself."

As the provincial government announced tweaks to the MGA on Monday, Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the two most important changes have to do with off-site levies and legislative authority on mandatory measures to zone affordable housing.

"That's a really big deal," said Nenshi. "Cities that have really been able to make a dent in affordable housing have required that tool."

When it comes to off-site levies, the province has given municipalities the power to charge companies extra for road projects connecting new communities to provincial highways. It's also been clarified that municipalities can ask developers to help them pay for new police stations, libraries and recreation facilities.

"Local governments can advance cost-effective regional approaches for infrastructure and service delivery through new tools such as inter-municipal off-site levies," wrote Lisa Holmes, president of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

"We appreciate that the province adjusted many of its initial approaches for the bill to ensure the provisions are more practical for municipalities."

The mayor alluded that even more changes are coming this spring as the government is poised to announce its final take on City Charters - giving Calgary and Edmonton new freedoms they've asked for.

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# You'll shell out for Flames playoff run

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#### A seat in the Dome will cost fans a bundle this season



Aaron Chatha Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Flames are in the playoffs and suddenly ticket prices are getting hot, hot, hot!

There aren't a ton of options for Flames fans hoping to see a game at the Dome right now—the Flames themselves have released an addition 3,000 tickets that are only available through lottery,

Otherwise, there's the resale market, through sites like NHL Ticket Exchange, Kijiji or apps like TikTiks.

Andrew Browne, co-founder of TikTiks, said Flames tickets are being sold for an average of 25 to 50 per cent over their original value, depending on how close to the ice you want to sit.

"Calgary, it's kind of strange, because all season long it was a low market. It was kind of a perfect storm with the economy and the Flames in and out of playoff spots," Browne explained. "But the push towards the playoffs has seen an increase in ticket prices now."

Browne said the lowest prices through TikTiks hover around \$125, but rapidly start going up from there. Comparing prices through NHL Ticket Exchange and Kijiji, middlebowl tickets go for around There's kind of a perfect storm for higher ticket prices
Andrew Browne

The Flames' Troy Brouwer skates during a team practice in Calgary, Monday. The Flames will play the Anaheim Ducks in the first round of the NHL playoffs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

\$200, and if you're hoping for the lower bowl, prices tend to start around \$400 to about \$800. On the far end of the spectrum, the highest price we saw online was \$1,667 each in section 102 on NHL Ticket Exchange.

Still, in Browne's opinion, Calgary fans have it a bit easier — the inflation is lower than other Canadian cities.

While Toronto has always been a strong market for resales, Edmonton has skyrocketed this year

"A big push in Edmonton has been the fact the Oilers are in the playoffs for the first time in 10 years," Browne explained.

"So, there's kind of a perfect storm for higher ticket prices, with a new stadium, higher face value of tickets which leads to higher secondary value and just a lot of excitement around the team, Connor McDavid and them being in a home playoff spot."

In terms of actually getting a ticket in Alberta, there's plenty available — if you're willing to pay the price.

#### Play it Safe

The Southern Alberta Better Business Bureau is warning Calgarians to be aware of scammers.

Popular scams include people selling tickets under a fake identity, reselling the same e-tickets to multiple

people and counterfeit tickets. Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen,

CEO of the Southern Alberta BBB, said whenever possible, purchase from the venue. When buying online, always

ask to meet someone in person and never wire money to a stranger — use a credit card, so you have some recourse if you get scammed.

And always remember, if a deal seems to good to be true, it probably is. \$1,667

The highest price spotted for individual tickets, via NHL Ticket Exchange.

\$125

The lowest price for tickets (sitting high up), via TikTiks.

\$400 to \$800

The average resale price for tickets in the middle or lower bowl.



## Taxpayers getting a rebate



**Brodie** Thomas Metro | Calgary

There was a big green elephant in the room as council discussed how to handle \$23.7 million left on the table by the provincial government Monday night.

Ultimately, they decided to give the money back to voters this year, while keeping the option open for the new council coming in after the fall election to use it later.

City manager Jeff Fielding took the council in camera for a "quick" discussion about the city's upcoming finances and specifically the Green Line.

An hour-and-a-half later, council came out with a plan to set aside the \$23.7 million for now in a budget savings account.

Coun. Shane Keating then made it clear that although they weren't voting on it today, the money would almost certainly go towards Green Line costs, once city administration comes out with the overall plan for the project later this spring.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said council will face a big decision in the next few months on whether to take the on-ramp or the offramp for the project.

"If you chose to stay on with this project — you're gonna need this money," said the mayor. "We were made aware today that the financing costs of such a large project are considerably larger."

Councillor Sean Chu made a motion to give taxpayers back the money as a one-time rebate this year, which passed 11-2. The rebate is about \$18.

# City invests in tech to monitor roads

New tool will predict risk before tragedy strikes



Helen Pike Metro Calgary

Near misses, and a community's concern over sketchy roadways are actually the key to a more proactive traffic safety plan and the city's investing in a tool that would make that data readily available to the transportation and roads department.

It's called video risk management, and according to city traffic safety engineer Joanna Domarad it's an emerging technology able to track traffic problems and give planners eyes on a fix without tragedy striking first.

"They're able to identify the various users and figure out more details about conflicts," Domarad said. "We haven't done this type of study in Calgary before ... we're trying to see what this can do for us."

Domarad said when the city is doing collision analysis sometimes they come across locations that don't have a lot of data; either they're new locations or deal with more rare situations. Another use for the tech could give the city an idea if mitigation is working without waiting years for the data to roll in.



Being able to analyze videos for otherwise unreported close calls will give Calgary more information on how to better design intersections. ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

"It's more proactive," Domarad said.

Expert Willem Klumpenhouwer, a PhD candidate in transportation engineering at the University of Calgary said it's possible using this new tech could help the city take emotion out of road design.

"It's good to have an objective way to measure that," Klumpenhouwer said. "Hopefully they do it in key places ... to develop an understanding."

Klumpenhouwer noted there are issues with Calgary's roads, and he thinks anything that will convince the city there are problems is positive. For him, the key areas of focus would be suburbs, especially those built in the '80s

#### It's good to have an objective way to measure.

Willem Klumpenhouwer

with wider roads and winding roadways without sidewalks.

The same technology was used in Edmonton in 2015 to analyze near misses and traffic interaction along Scona Road, 99 Street and Saskatchewan Drive intersections.

The traffic study they did showed drivers were speeding 10 kilometres over the limit, but there wasn't sufficient data on actual crashes to show the road could be dangerous.

And that's where the video analyzing technology came in. It actually showed engineers through near-miss data where problem areas were so that they could remedy them.

Currently, the city has a request for proposal out to acquire the software, so details on where and how they might use the tool aren't cemented.

The city could choose any location imaginable to analyze.

"This is an emerging tool and we are looking to expand the toolbox," Domarad said. "This is as good a time as any...it's a new technology that's being more widely used."

## Seniors off pensions struggling

Autumn Fox

For Metro | Calgary

Calgary seniors transitioning off of AISH are seeing a sizable increase in their costs of living and care.

"For those living in Calgary Housing, when a person transitions from AISH to pension income, their rent nearly doubles due to the calculation of this subsidy," said Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra, who is hoping to remedy the disparity.

Under AISH guidelines, recipients are eligible for ambulance transportation from hospital to home after a patient has been discharged, however, that benefit is not offered to pensioners.

Subsidies for prescription drugs are also affected, increasing the cost of medication for seniors transitioning out of AISH coverage.



#### IN BRIEF

City approves walk funding Apparently, there's nothing more divisive than giving community members cash for pedestrian projects.

On Monday, councillors debated a \$172,500 program called the Walk21 Community Microgrants which would give communities the chance to apply to the city for funding 150 projects to help create safer and more walkable streets.

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The zoo has proudly announced they have entered into an agreement with the Animal Care Centre of Strathmore.

What they haven't announced is that this agreement means they are outsourcing the jobs of current, well-trained Animal Health Technicians to a veterinary practice that will need to hire and train people to care for exotic animals to replace skilled employees—some with decades of experience.

What's more, they haven't disclosed any of the financial details or reasons around this move.

Let's not have facts and best practices fall prey to hidden agendas.





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## Nenshi no fan of mobile ticketing option

TRANSIT

Mayor goes against flow as councillors vote for app



Helen Pike Metro | Calgary

The tech nerd has spoken, and when it comes to Calgary Transit, and mobile ticketing apps, Mayor Naheed Nenshi doesn't like 'em.

But that didn't stop councillors, even the fiscally conservative ones, from voting in favour of Calgary Transit's move to work on a mobile ticketing solution this year so that users can quickly buy tickets through their cellphones.

In the end, the item passed with 10 votes for and councillors Brian Pincott, Ward Sutherland, Peter Demong and Mayor Naheed Nenshi against.

The vote means Calgary Transit is moments away from stepping into the 21st century. But not all of council was on board to spend cash on a mobile ticketing system — especially Mayor Nenshi.

"I've been pushing transit for some time to be super thoughtful about the issue of fare payment and ensure we're not just getting on a trend that other people are wasting a lot of time and money on," said Nenshi.

The mayor said one of the reasons he voted against the move toward mobile ticketing is because the report suggested moving to a smart card system in the future.

"The main reason is because we're actually increasing our capital spend by \$5 million and our operating cost by a significant amount," said Nenshi. "I see (mobile ticketing) as an extremely limited benefit."

The city has some new ticketing machines in place that give passengers tap and go options, as well as Apple pay, which Nenshi said means the only people a mobile payment system would work for (that the city doesn't already capture) would be bus riders.

Coun. Andre Chabot wondered if there were ways to offset the increased cost of mobile ticketing by increased ridership, or zone based fare systems.

"We would have to go to a tap on tap off system," said transportation boss Mac Logan. "That would be beyond what we're talking about here."

Logan added that moving to mobile ticketing would definitely be a step toward zonebased fares, which Chabot has long lusted after, but not an immediate transition.



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Ramit Kar, left, Uber's western Canada general manager, and Robert Moore, a Calgary Uber driver partner, mark the opening of Uber's new Calgary office, the Greenlight Hub, and the launch of UberSELECT in the city. AUTUMN FOX/FOR METRO

RIDESHARING

# Select Uber clients get taste of good life

Autumn Fox

For Metro | Calgary

Uber is stepping up its ridesharing service in Calgary with the launch of UberSELECT today.

Geared towards those looking for a more luxury experience, UberSELECT will offer Teslas, Mercedes, Audis and BMWs as part of their operatorowned fleet.

"It is going to be a little bit of a premium to your standard UberX rates, but the experience is that much better as well," said Ramit Kar, Uber's western Canada general manager in a press conference from Uber Calgary's new office, the 'Greenlight Hub,' on Monday morning.

Kar believes the option will appeal to business travellers as well as those who may use UberX for day-to-day trips, but want to impress or splurge on a night out.

The introduction of Uber-SELECT to other cities has been successful and Calgary is an ideal market for the expansion, with over 70,000 active riders and nearly 1,500 driver partners in the city. Ed Tanas has been a driver partner with Uber since its launch in December of 2016, and is excited to upgrade his services to UberSELECT.

Tanas began driving a 2016 Tesla in January and said moving up as an UberSELECT driver partner will allow him to "earn more while offering customers a better experience."

He said most of his riders are curious about the luxury vehicle and impressed by its cost and energy efficiency.

Tanas said after leaving the oil and gas industry, his experience with Uber has been positive, and now he drives 40 to 50 hours a week, with no intention of returning to his old job.

At present, Kar does not yet have an exact number of Uber-SELECT driver partners in Calgary, but said he believes there are enough available to meet the expected demand.

Customers can use the Uber app to book an UberSELECT vehicle, with an afternoon trip from the downtown core to the airport costing about \$25-30 with UberX, and a jump in price to about \$55 with UberSELECT.





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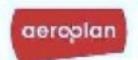








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# Cracking down on vacant properties

CITY HALL

New protocol allows safety response team to order repairs



The city is using a strategy once applied to illegal grow-op houses to crack down on vacant, unsafe homes in the city.

Since March 6, the Coordinated Safety Response Team (CSRT) has issued orders to 15 properties which call on owners to fence and either fix up or demolish the vacant homes.

All 15 homeowners have agreed to comply with the orders, according to Wayne Brown, CRST coordinator.

Brown said this doesn't apply to just any vacant or derelict



The owner of this Bridgeland property was given an order to repair the building or tear it down under a new protocol being used by the City of Calgary. ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

property in a community.

"They're the bad ones," he said. "The ones where you have significant breaches by unauthorized people - typically vagrants. You'll have large numbers of calls by bylaw officers attending that site."

The need for change became apparent after a fire at a property in Bridgeland on Feb. 22. A member of the Calgary Fire

Department was injured while fighting a blaze at that location, which had been reported by community members as a problem property.

"In our case it was the perfect example of how things can go sideways," said Ali Mc-Millan, chair of planning with the Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association.

She said there was definite-

In our case it was the perfect example of how things can go sideways.

Ali McMillan

ly need for a change because the previous response was unacceptable.

Three properties in Bridgeland, including the one where a firefighter was injured, are among the 15 that have received orders from the CSRT.

Brown said other properties are in Mission, Bankview and South Calgary, but he could not provide exact addresses.

He noted that the new protocol will not only help keep communities safer, but also first responders, who are statistically more likely to be injured in a vacant or abandoned property.

### Accused in double murder back in court



Lucie Edwardson Metro | Calgary

The man accused of killing a five-year-old girl and her mother in July 2016 was back in court Monday as the preliminary inquiry began.

Edward Downey, 47, who appeared in court in a blue jumpsuit, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Sara Baillie and her five-year-old daughter, Taliyah Marsman.

A publication ban on the preliminary trial prevents media from reporting on details and testimonies heard in court as well as the names of witnesses and their relationship to the victims and accused.

The preliminary trial will continue Tuesday through Thursday this week and a fifth day in May.

Baillie was found dead in her Panorama home July 11, 2016 after family had reported to police that she hadn't shown up for work.

At that time, Taliyah was reported missing and an Amber Alert was issued.

On July 14, 2016, Taliyah's body was found in a field east of Calgary, hours after an intensive search began with police combing the canola fields shoulder to shoulder.

Back in July, police said they believe that both Sara and Taliyah were killed before police became involved.

The trial will be scheduled when the preliminary inquiry has ended.



- Edward Downey has an extensive criminal history including violent offences
- Downey was taken into custody at a strip mall in northeast Calgary on July 13, 2016
- Sara Baillie's body was found in her home on July 11, 2016
- The body of 5-yearold Taliyah Marsman was found three days later.

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Lost Solace follows a serial killer who must come face-to-face with his own twisted soul.

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## Serial killer drug trip fuels thriller

CINEMA

#### Lost Solace to be shown at Underground Film Festival



Aaron Chatha Metro | Calgary

A new brand of ecstasy causes a serial killer to question his morality in Lost Solace, a Calgary film showing at this year's Calgary Underground Film Festival (CUFF).

Whew, that's a lot to take in.
It boils down to Calgary filmmaker Chris Scheuerman's
descent into psychology books,
as he worked through a panic
disorder. At the same time, his
actor roommate just got back
from an audition playing a

psychopath, and desperately wanted to work with Scheuerman on a project that would allow him to do so.

So the pair came up with Lost Solace, which allowed the roommate (Andrew Jenkins) to play the psychopath role of his dreams, but in a situation where he's confronted by his own emotions and fears.

"It's this crazy mind bending ride," explained Scheuerman. "He's changing and he doesn't want to."

The low-budget film was willed into existence through the support of Tom Cox, a veteran producer at Calgary's Seven24 Films. He called Lost Solace a stylish and thought provoking thriller – indicating Scheuerman is well on his way to becoming a strong voice in cinema.

Although Cox helped get the filmmaker some finan3

## It's this crazy mind-bending ride.

Chris Scheuerman

cial support, it was still a low budget film.

"Honestly, the compromises led us to be more creative, and in low-budget film making, that's something to embrace," he explained.

Lost Solace is one of only two new Calgary films at this year's CUFF, with the second being Blood Mountain, a foundfootage thriller.

This year's festival takes place from April 17 to 23.

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Lost Solace will also see a wide release this September.

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### Antonio Banderas portrait stolen from diner bathroom

Autumn Fox

For Metro | Calgary

From pigs to plants, Calgary restaurants have fallen prey to a spate of thefts — the most recent being The Beltliner, who were foiled by a Zorro-like thief who stole away with an Antonio Banderas portrait last Wednesday.

But, rather than a signature "Z," all that remained was the picture frame. "It was a very well-executed crime," said Brendan Bankowski, owner of the diner.

The portrait was housed in what was previously the women's washroom, but had been converted to a gender-neutral facility just days prior.

"We went almost two years with Antonio in there," said Bankowski.

Sadly, the portrait of Banderas has yet to be recovered, and no tips about the heist have been forthcoming. In an effort to move past the loss and to ensure that "nobody has to go to the bathroom alone," The Beltliner has launched a Twitter poll to determine what celebrity should take over Banderas' coveted spot.

Currently, '90s-era Mark Wahlberg is in the lead, followed by '80s-era Suzanne Somers and the diner's mascot, Krispy the Chicken.

Anyone with tips about the missing portrait can contact The Beltliner at thebeltliner.com. **MENTAL HEALTH** 

### Centre 'optimistic' over drop in suicides



Fewer Albertans died by suicide last year than the province's peak in 2015, and it could be because more of them are seeking help.

Robert Olfon with the Centre for Suicide Prevention (CSP) in Calgary, said demand is likely going up because more people are seeking help.

"People are getting the assistance they need quicker and in greater numbers than perhaps they were before, and our belief is that it's because the stigma surrounding mental health is eroding," Olfon said.

According to the CSP, 460 Albertans died by suicide in 2016 — a sharp drop compared to 2015, in which 662 died.

Olfon said it's too soon to label it a trend, but the CSP is 'cautiously optimistic' the numbers will continue to decline.

The Distress Centre recently expanded its online mental health chat's hours after seeing an increased demand for the confidential service, and additional hours could be added in the future.

"We're finding people are more comfortable going online, as opposed to picking up the phone and speaking to someone," said Diane Jones Konihowski, director of communications with the Distress Centre.

Calgarians who need immediate mental health support can now chat with someone from the Distress Centre between 3 to 10 p.m., two extra hours than was available before. Jones Konihowski said they are "seriously considering" extending the hours until 2 a.m., based on future demand.

Anyone can access the online mental health chat by visiting www.distresscentre.com and clicking the upper-right hand corner of website.



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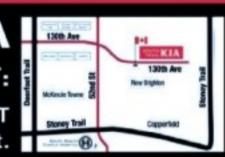
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# Downtown slowing the city sweep

Vehicles parked in certain areas of city will be ticketed, fined



Helen Pike Metro Calgary

They're sweeping the city, and a full week in Calgarians are doing OK at moving their cars.

With more grit and grime on the city streets, the city's annual street sweeping program is scheduled to take longer. One thing that puts a hiccup in the sweeping timeline are citizens' vehicles.

"We are on track — generally on track," said transportation boss Mac Logan. He explained three out of five districts are on schedule, with the northeast miles ahead of the rest. The centre city's street sweeping schedule is about one day

Fine for leaving your car out during a city sweeping parking ban.

behind. Logan said as of Friday the city has tagged 379 vehicles and towed 314, which he said is up from 2016 numbers.

"One thing that did concern me was that the downtown centre district has low compliance with vehicles coming off the street," said Logan. "My appeal to Calgarians would be to pay attention to the signs and the no parking posts going out."

Over the period of seven weeks in 2016, the Calgary Parking Authority issued 2,800

Fines for keeping your car out during a street sweeping parking ban are \$120. Paying within 10 days can bring that cost down to \$80, or \$90 if you pay within 30 days.

### Lawsuit filed against **Robin Hood flour**

A pair of Alberta-based law firms say they've filed a class-action lawsuit on behalf of people who bought or consumed a popular brand of flour that's been linked to illnesses from E. coli.

James H. Brown and Associates and Higgerty Law say they're seeking damages from Smucker Foods of Canada Corp. following a national recall of 10-kilogram bags of Robin Hood Original All Purpose Flour.

A statement of claim says the representative plaintiff lives in

Victoria, B.C., and became so sick after eating cookie dough that her kidneys began shutting down.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency issued a recall in Western Canada for the flour late last month, and the Public Health Agency of Canada says an outbreak of E. coli O121 has been linked to the flour.

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(KIA) The Power to Surprise

# Avoid 'mistakes of the past': PM

**POLITICS** 

#### Trudeau condemns Assad on solemn trip

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in France for two days of overseas commemorations for Canadian soldiers killed in the two world wars, including the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and Canada's role in D-Day on June 6, 1944.

"The men who fought in 1944 were carrying the legacy of those who risked their lives at Vimy Ridge in 1917," Trudeau said after walking the beach with his wife Sophie Gregoire Trudeau and their son Xavier.

But there was no escaping the here and now, with the attack in Syria still fresh on everyone's mind. And the irony wasn't lost on Trudeau.

Bashar Assad's days as

president of Syria are numbered, Trudeau suggested Monday as more hostile talk from international powers continued to amplify the threat of a military escalation in the Middle East.

The way forward in Syria can't include Assad, whose recent chemical attack against his own people were abetted by countries that have allowed him to remain in power, Trudeau said.



#### We need to move as quickly as possible towards peace.

Justin Trudeau

"There is no question that anyone who is guilty of the types of war crimes against innocents, against children, that Assad and his regime are needs to be held to account," he said during a visit to Juno Beach to commemorate Canada's Second World War dead. "We need to move as quickly as possible towards peace and stability in Syria that does not involve Bashar al-Assad."

Trudeau was, however, noncommittal when it came to the question of how to remove Assad from power, and whether Russia should be punished for supporting him. Canada remains open to imposing new sanctions against Russia in concert with its allies, he said, but Russia must also be part of the solution for bringing peace to Syria.

Asked whether he feared the world was on the verge of a new war, Trudeau said the international community needed to come together and address its challenges.

"The raging civil war in Syria, the violent conflicts around the world require an international community that pulls together, that holds each other to account and that strives everyday not to repeat the terrible mistakes of the past." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Justin Trudeau, his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau and their son Xavier look at the headstone of a member of Gregoire-Trudeau's family, who was killed during WWI, as they visit the Canadian Military Cemetery of Beny-sur-Mer, France on Monday, GETTY IMAGES

AUCTION

## A jacket mystery

The mystery surrounding an authentic green jacket from Augusta National Golf Club that was once bought for C\$5 at a Toronto thrift store likely stoked the enthusiasm of collectors and drove its sale at auction for more than US\$139,000, the auction house said Monday.

Green Jacket Auctions said the distinctive sport coat worn by members of the famed Georgia club and presented each year to the Masters winner was sold Saturday, a day before the final round of this year's tournament. The club has confirmed its authenticity. Ryan Carey, who coowns the auction house, said it was purchased in 1994 at a Goodwill store in Toronto, though he couldn't say which location.

The jacket — from which the original owner's name has been cut out — apparently escaped the store's notice, but the man who bought it "knew exactly what it was," Carey said, adding the discovery made headlines at the time. That man, who Carey said was a member of the Canadian media, sold it to a golf journalist in the United Kingdom "for a very reasonable amount of money."

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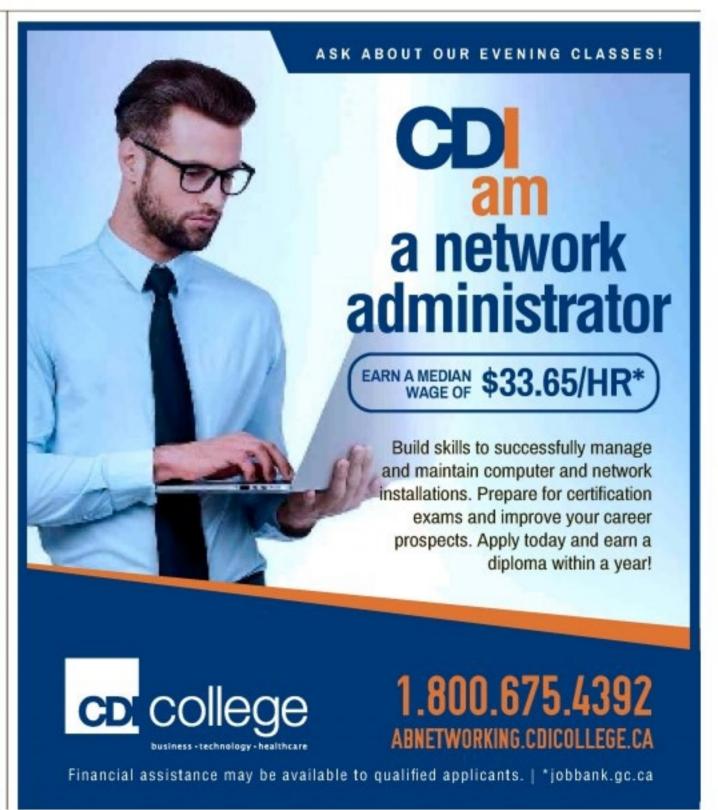
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#### Uproar after man is forcibly removed from packed flight

Video of police officers dragging a passenger from an overbooked United Airlines flight sparked an uproar Monday on social media, and a spokesman for the airline insisted that employees had no choice but to contact authorities to remove the man.

As the flight waited to depart from Chicago's O'Hare Airport, officers could be seen grabbing the screaming man from a window seat, pulling him across the armrest and dragging him down the aisle by his arms. United was trying to make room for four employees of a partner airline on the Sunday evening flight to Louisville, Kentucky.

Other passengers on Flight 3411 are heard saying, "Please, my God," "What are you doing?" "This is wrong," "Look at what you did to him" and "Busted his lip."

Passenger Audra D. Bridges posted the video on Facebook. Her husband, Tyler Bridges, said United offered \$400 and then \$800 vouchers and a hotel stay for volunteers to give up their seats. When no one volunteered, a United manager came on the plane and announced that passengers would be chosen at random.

"We almost felt like we were



Police were called to remove a passenger from a United Airlines flight in Chicago. The incident sparked an uproar, CONTRIBUTED

being taken hostage," Tyler Bridges said. "We were stuck there. You can't do anything as a traveller. You're relying on the airline."

When airline employees named four customers who had to leave the plane, three of them did so. The fourth person refused to move, and police were called, United spokesman Charlie Hobart said.

"We followed the right procedures," Hobart told the Associated Press in a phone interview. "That plane had to depart. We wanted to get our customers to their destinations."

Oscar Munoz, CEO of United Airlines' parent company, described the event as "upsetting" and apologized for "having to re-accommodate these customers." He said the airline was conducting a review and reaching out to the passenger to "further address and resolve this situation." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



As the summer travel season approaches, Metro breaks down your rights when it comes to air travel.

#### Overbooked and bumped from your plane

Whether you volunteer or are voluntold to get off a flight you've paid for, the airline owes you compensation, air passenger advocate Gabor Lukacs told Metro. "They also have to rebook you on the next flight, including on flights of other airlines if they don't have flights of their own," Lukacs said.

How much you're entitled to is stated in the airline's "tariff" which outlines its contractual obligations to passengers. Air Canada's tariff, for example, says in the case of overbooking the airline will ask for volunteers to rebook in exchange for compensation. How much is at their discretion. If no volunteers are found, someone will be selected.

#### Luggage lost or damaged

Under the Montreal Convention you're again entitled to some reimbursement for lost or damaged luggage when travelling internationally, said Lukacs. Domestically it falls to individual airline tariffs but all the major Canadian airlines have language on this. It can be hard to make sense of the fine print.

### Ottawa to address airline bumping in new bill

Canada will introduce new legislation this spring that will address the problem of travellers being bumped from flights, the federal government said Monday, as the violent dragging of a passenger off an overbooked flight in the U.S. unleashed anger over the practice.

A spokesman for Transport

Minister Marc Garneau said set industry-wide standards or that was promised last fall to establish clear, minimum requirements for compensation when flights are oversold or luggage lost.

Marc Roy declined, however, to say if the legislation would

bumping rules will be included raise compensation to levels in an air passenger bill of rights offered in the United States or Europe.

Garneau would not comment directly on the incident aboard a United Airlines flight Sunday, saying he did not know whether a passenger in Canada can be forcibly removed from a flight

because of overbooking.

Passenger rights advocate Gabor Lukacs said the "troubling" video highlights the need for greater consumer protection.

"Sadly, people realize what bumping actually means only when an incident so extreme happens," he said.

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#### Apparent school murder-suicide kills adults, student

A husband opened fire on his wife Monday in a San Bernardino elementary school classroom, killing her and a student in a murder-suicide that spread panic across a city still recovering emotionally from a terrorist attack at a community centre just 15 months ago.

The shooter also died, and a second student was critically wounded at North Park School.

"The children we do not be-

lieve were targeted," police Capt. Ron Maass told reporters.

The gunman was identified as 53-year-old Cedric Anderson, of Riverside, who shot his wife, Elaine Smith, also 53. She was a teacher in the special-needs classroom for students in first through fourth grades.

Anderson said nothing as he began firing a large-calibre revolver, according to police. Both of the children who were hit were standing behind

Smith. An 8-year-old later died. The other student was hospitalized in stable condition.

The gunman had a history of weapons, domestic violence and possible drug charges that predated the marriage, which lasted only a few months, authorities said.

The boy who died was identified as Jonathan Martinez. Authorities did not name the other boy who was wounded. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Students and parents are reunited after the shooting. **GETTY IMAGES** 

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# Free tuition, with strings attached

**EDUCATION** 

#### **Students must** stay in New York after graduation

There's a big string attached to New York's free middle-class college tuition initiative: Students must stay in the state after graduation or else pay back the benefit.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday that the requirement was added to protect the state's investment in a student's education by ensuring they don't take advantage of free tuition and then leave New York.

The tuition initiative, which Cuomo said is a national model, covers state college or university tuition for in-state students from families earning \$125,000 or less. Students must remain in New York for as many years as they received the benefit. They must repay the money as a loan if they take a job in another state.

"Why should New Yorkers pay for your college education and then you pick up and you move to California?" Cuomo said during a call with state editorial writers. "The concept of investing in you and your education is that you're going to stay here and be an asset to the state. If you don't want to stay here, then go to California now, let them pay



New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signs legislation for free college tuition Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

for your college education."

Students at University at Albany, part of the state university system, aren't so sure.

Cumorah Reed, a 19-yearold English major, said certain technology jobs are concentrated on the West Coast and many of her classmates will be surprised to learn they will not be able to apply for those positions immediately after graduation. "I think it's going to be harder than people think," Reed said.

Ashley Mendez, 18, a journalism and communications major, said the proposal is a fair compromise because many residents will stay anyway.

"I'm a New Yorker. I wouldn't leave the state for anything," Mendez said.

Sara Goldrick-Rab, a pro-

fessor of higher education at Temple University, said the requirement undercuts the promise of free tuition and could deliver a nasty shock to students who fail to read the fine print or who take the money believing they will stay in New York only to find better job opportunities elsewhere.

"It's absolutely bait-andswitch," she said. "You entice people with something they really, really need and then you penalize them if they can't find a decent job and have to leave."

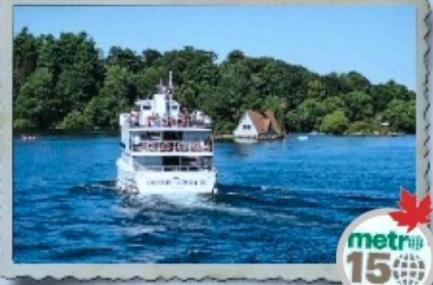
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#### **Business** digest

Bombardier executive compensation delayed

After nearly two weeks of criticism, Bombardier said Monday its board had approved delaying payment of planned compensation for six executive officers by one year to 2020, provided the company meets certain objectives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Help those hurt by free trade, global groups say

The world isn't doing enough to help workers and communities damaged by free trade, the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and World Trade Organization say. They want countries to make it easier for people to switch careers or move to where jobs are, and insurance for lost wages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

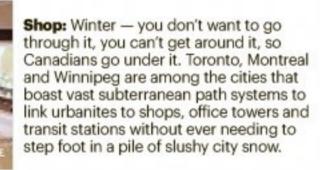
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## What lies beneath

Skylines often provide the shorthand for a city, but the ground beneath the buildings is fertile territory too. There's useful and livable space beneath us, and with space at a premium on the surface, sometimes the solution is to dig down. **These cities are putting more than pipes underground.** 

Play: Projected to open in 2021, New York is working to convert a disused underground trolley terminal on the Lower East Side of Manhattan into a park. Using fibre-optic technology to create light sources underground, the developers hope to create a sprawling space with greenery, fountains, and spots to hang out, do yoga, play and engage.





Thrive: With more than 5 million people on an island smaller than New York City, Singapore has ambitious plans to make space. Nanyang University has devoted an entire department to studying the feasibility of building under the city, and the government is investing millions of dollars to explore plans for everything from a research facility housing 4,200 scientists to moving utilities, like an oil cavern, underground.





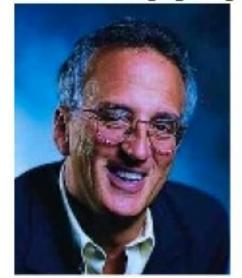
Park: In city where 14 per cent of commuters are cyclists and in a country where 78 per cent of households have a bike, Tokyo needs somewhere to put all those two-wheelers. Enter Eco Cycle, an elevator that whisks bikes from the street to vertical parking silos under the city streets. As an added bonus, the bikes are protected from the elements and would-be thieves.



Farm: The heart of London doesn't leave much room for farmers' fields. But when chefs want to get their hands on locally grown produce, they can dig deep — 33 metres deep — to Growing Underground. Built in a WWII-era bomb shelter, the farm produces salad greens and herbs year-round using LED and hydroponic technology, all while reducing carbon emissions by keeping travel time down and reconnecting city dwellers to their food sources.

#### **WORD ON THE STREET by David Hains**

#### It rarely pays to play when sports teams call for cash: Expert



Andrew Zimbalist CONTRIBUTED

With five Canadian teams in the NHL playoffs, there's lots to like for fans.

There's less to like on the business side. The Calgary Flames CEO threatened to "just move" if a \$1.8-billion arena isn't built (with \$1.3 billion from the city).

Does it ever make sense to subsidize sports?

We asked economist Andrew Zimbalist, author of Circus Maximus and No Boston Olympics. He says the numbers often don't add up.

#### **Emotional appeal**

Subsidy boosters argue the team is part of the city's DNA, and brings intangible benefits; in other words, benefits are unknown.

Zimbalist says emotional arguments to subsidize the team can be made, but don't substitute for a business case. "If you're concerned at a social or cultural level, then I would say you have to think about subsidies. But don't think about subsidies because of an economic impact."

#### The local economy

Zimbalist says the argument that sports is a boon to city coffers is overblown. Research shows entertainment dollars are still spent in the absence of a team. Also, sports aren't great at keeping financial activity in the city. Take the NHL: players are paid half of revenues, but most of that is taxed federally, or saved and invested globally. Taking the family to a nice restaurant is a more sound investment in the local economy.

#### Be specific

Zimbalist doesn't oppose all sports subsidies. He says stadiums as redevelopment catalysts can make sense, pointing to San Diego, Calif., and Brooklyn, N.Y. But those are the minority, and "the devil is in the details." He warns against subsidies by another name, like waiving property taxes, interest-free loans or introducing a special tax or fee to support the team.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

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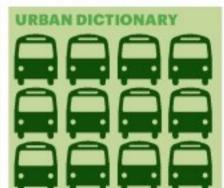


#### RAY OF HOPE

Georgia wants to turn a stretch of rural highway into a living lab for creating the road of the future. Dubbed The Ray, the road already boasts solar-powered vehicle charges. More innovations on the way include pavement that works like a solar panel and native plants lining the roads to provide bee habitat.

#### MASTER OF DISASTER

Vancouver has hired a Chief Resilience Officer to help plan for natural disasters and tackle long-term problems like improving infrastructure and housing. The new office is armed with \$1 million from the Rockefeller Foundation-funded nonprofit 100 Resilient Cities. Toronto, Calgary and Montreal are also participants.



#### DEFINITION

**Bunching** is the frustrating phenomenon that sees two or more late buses arrive at once. (And stopping it involves chaos theory.)

#### USE IT IN A SENTENCE

My new jeans are **bunching** worse than the downtown bus at rush hour.

#### CITY CHAMP

Sophia Horwitz is the director of Co\*Lab in Halifax. The agency programs public art shows, walking tours and other engaging activities to get communities talking and creating together. @sophiahorwitz





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# Removing the 911 fear factor

**FENTANYL CRISIS** 

#### New act looks to protect those reporting an overdose

#### Genna Buck and Ryan Tumilty Metro Canada

It happens nearly every day, somewhere in Canada: A house party. Music blares. People use street drugs like cocaine, MDMA, heroin or pain pills.

Then someone collapses. Shaking them and shouting their name yields nothing.

It's an overdose, possibly of a deadly opioid like fentanyl. They need an ambulance. There's no time to lose.

And you, the bystander, are faced with a choice.

Do you call 911, potentially bringing the police down on your head? Do you call, but bolt before authorities arrive, leaving a critically ill person alone? Or do you try to cope on your own?

That decision may soon be a little easier.

MPs are gearing up for a debate Tuesday on the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act. If passed, it will protect everyone at the scene of a drug overdose from being charged or convicted for certain drug-related offences if they call for help.

An earlier version of the private member's bill, giving protection from simple drug possession charges, passed the



The good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act, set to be debated by MPs on Tuesday, would offer legal protection to anyone phoning 911 for help at the scene of a drug overdose in a bid to remove the potentially fatal 'fear factor'. ISTOCK

House unanimously in Nov-

It has since been amended by the Senate to include immun-

ity from charges of violating bail conditions, conditional sentences, probation orders or parole conditions

if the person's original offence related to drug

possession. Liberal MP Ron McKinnon, who introduced the bill back in February 2016, is pleased about

the amendments and says he's "crossing his fingers" the issue comes to a vote and the show of unity continues.

way to reduce overdose deaths. But a lot has changed since then, and not just the party in power. Overdose deaths

When someone from our community overdoses, 911 is called less than half the time. And the numberone reason is fear of the police. They're afraid they will be charged with possession of drugs. Rob Boyd

of Commons was passing strict ous opioids like fentanyl and limits on harm-reduction centres where people can use drugs under supervision — a proven

Just two years ago, the House have skyrocketed and danger-matter a lot. carfentanil have become ubi-

Now, harm-reduction advo-

cates are praising government's efforts.

Rob Boyd, director of the Oasis needle exchange program

at Ottawa's Sandy Hill Community Health Centre said for some people, this change will

a place where people are using drugs. They too are leery about "When someone from our calling for help.

"We want them to make community overdoses, 911 is called less than half the time. that call anyway. We can't help And the number-one reason people if they're dead."

## New Jian Ghomeshi podcast fuels social media backlash

About a year after being acquitted of sexual assault charges that destroyed a celebrated broadcasting career, former CBC personality Jian Ghomeshi resurfaced online Monday with a new music and podcast series.

The one-time media star announced a venture called "The Ideation Project" on Twitter with the message: "Hi. For those interested, here is something I've been working on..."

The project is described on the website as "a creative adventure with the aim of taking a bigger picture view on news-

worthy issues and culture." Future content will cover "a variety of topics from politics to philosophy to pop culture and the human condition."

Reminiscent of the short essays that would kick off Ghomeshi's hosting gig on CBC Radio's "Q," the debut post features musings on immigration, globalization and race. The six-minute monologue called "Exiles" asks: "What does it mean to feel like you have no homeland?"

The site credits all words. original music, recording and production to Ghomeshi.

The social media reaction was largely negative within hours of the debut, and branding expert Martin Waxman said Ghomeshi would be wise to move slowly as he returns to the spotlight.

"I think he's probably smart to do this in a low-key way, to sort of test the waters and see what the reaction is," said Waxman of the Toronto firm Martin Waxman Communications.

"Because if he came out with a big promotion plan, I don't know if people are ready for it. The other thing is if this is a creative endeavour of his own,

which it seems to be, it takes a while to build. One episode does not a sustained podcast make."

Ghomeshi's career crashed hard after he was fired from the CBC in October 2014. At the time, the public broadcaster



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said it saw "graphic evidence" he had caused physical injury

His image as an erudite social progressive unravelled as multiple allegations followed, culminating in a high-profile trial that revealed intimate details of his romantic life.

Ultimately, Ghomeshi was acquitted in March 2016 of four counts of sexual assault and one count of choking involving three complainants.

In May 2016, he apologized to a fourth complainant and signed a peace bond that saw a final

sexual assault count withdrawn. Waxman said it's now up to the public to determine whether Ghomeshi can rebuild his career.

is fear of the police," he said. "They're afraid they will be

charged with possession of

overdoses become problems at raves, parties and even wed-

dings, it's important for people to know they don't face legal prosecutions for calling, even

if that's not realistically likely.

tivate behaviour."

someone overdoses.

"Unfortunately, fear does mo-

Though McKinnon cautioned

this bill is only "one arrow in

the quiver" of a much larger

response to the opioid crisis,

he's hopeful it will help pre-

vent people from panicking

and making bad choices when

though it certainly would apply

to them," he said. "But it also applies to kids and young adults

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story than just hanging out in

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He explained the bill would

is of the essence."

"This is not all about addicts,

Boyd said as drug use and

drugs."

"Everyone deserves a second chance if they've apologized and seem contrite. The question is, is that enough time and do people feel like, 'OK, we need to give him another chance?"' said Waxman.

"I'm sure that Mr. Ghomeshi has supporters," he said.

"If they're outside of Canada, for example, (they) may not really care what happened." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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#### HISTORY

THE YEAR FEMALE DISTANCE RUNNING WAS BORN This year's April 17 Boston Marathon will mark the 50th anniversary of Kathrine Switzer being the first "officially registered" woman to compete in the event (Bobbi Gibb participated unregistered, or as a "bandit," in the 1966-68 races). At the time, women were not allowed to enter the Boston Marathon. When race director John "Jock" Semple tried to physically remove her from the course, he was blocked by Switzer's burly boyfriend Tom Miller. The iconic images appeared in newspapers worldwide, and thus the era of female distance running was born. TORSAR NEWS SERVICE

## Eyewear stores focus on Canada

**OPTOMETRY** 

#### Global retailers see potential for success

Boutique eyewear retailers from around the world have set sights on Canada as a hotbed for growth, hoping to capitalize on the country's aging population and what they say is its taste for haute couture.

Several companies including Hong Kong's Mujosh and Bailey Nelson of Australia have plans to open dozens of new stores over the next few years.

"Canadian people focus more and more on fashion trends, which makes Canada a promising market for us," said Mujosh spokesperson Doris Jin.

Last year, Canadians spent about \$4.2 billion on spectacles, which includes frames, lenses, sunglasses and ready-made reading glasses, according to research firm Euromonitor International. That's up from about \$4.06 billion the previous year. Euromonitor says it expects steady growth to continue.

Bailey Nelson is coming back with two locations in Vancouver this spring, with plans to open one more there and two in Toronto over the next year, said the company's managing director of North America, Bree Stanlake.

"Across Canada, I can see easily between 40 and 50 stores in the next four years," she said.

Not to be outdone, some Canadian boutique chains also have ambitious growth goals. Montreal-based Bonlook currently has eight locations, but is planning to have more than 40 stores by early 2020, said company spokeswoman Andreanne Ferland.

A rising older population and more screen time among younger generations has resulted in more people needing glasses in Canada, Euromonitor said in a report last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"You need to consider pest control measures," explained Kelsey Watkiss, manager at Pisces Pet Emporium in Calgary, Alta. "Your dog gets bugged by mosquitoes and ticks too. Spot treatments, herbal sprays, and even oral remedies are available to help protect them."

Humans take extra precautions during summer; the same should go for your four-legged friends. Watkiss explained proper hydration and exposure control are integral to your pet's health.

"Always bring water for your dog when you go for walks. We carry lots of portable, handy water bottles at Pisces Pet Emporium," she added. "Dogs can get sunburned too. We offer a natural spray sunscreen.

"We also have cooling vests and neckties for those extra hot days. Protecting their paws in the summer is also important. Waxes [pad



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guards for dogs' paws] are good for this."

While being a well-trained human is important, for example having waste bags at hand, Watkiss said that having a well-trained pet can make the summer season more enjoyable.

"Don't forget training," she said, adding that puppy and adult training classes start on Apr. 24. "A well-behaved dog is easier to take out with you."

For more information, or to view products and classes, please visit piscespets.com



# Ogopogo Hullaballoo

Mythical beast spotted in Lake Okanagan

Sean Plummer

Canada has its own Loch Ness Monster, and, like Nessie, it's been the subject of much speculation and scrutiny.

Said to swim the waters of B.C.'s Lake Okanagan, the Ogopogo has been described as a dark serpent, somewhere between 40 and 50 feet long, with humps on its back.

According to local lore, a water spirit called the Naitaka required an animal sacrifice in exchange for safe passage across the lake.

Records of the Canadian cryptid date back to 1872, with the first major sighting reported by local newspapers in 1926, when 30 cars pulled over to marvel at it.

The elusive creature was caught on film in 1968, but an investigation in 2005 revealed it to be somewhat less terrifying - most likely a waterfowl or that most Canadian of creatures: a beaver. But for anyone determined to spot the mythical beast, there's an Ogopogo statue in Kelowna, and local gift shops stock plenty of merchandise.



This 1985 photo from an undisclosed location overlooking Okanagan Lake in British Columbia purports to show the elusive Ogopogo in the wild. WAFIL BIEROWSKY

**Canadians** invented the motorized wheelchair

George Klein was one of Canada's most prolific inventors, working in many fields, including nuclear energy, aviation, and construction safety.

When penicillin improved the odds of survival for soldiers with spinal-cord injuries, Klein and his collaborators invented a motorized wheelchair to help quadriplegic patients.

Mass production soon followed, allowing soldiers and civilians alike to benefit from this important breakthrough.

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The Wawa Goose stands 28 feet tall, TORSTAR FILE PHOTO

That's a big goose

When it looked like the Trans Canada Highway would bypass the Ontario town of Wawa, local businessman Al Turcott decided his community needed another way to attract tourists. His solution: a giant goose.

The Wawa Goose, which Stompin' Tom Connors immortalized in his song Little Wawa, stands 28 feet tall and is made of steel. (The original was made of plaster but didn't last.)

"Wawa," by the way, means "wild goose" in Ojibway. SEAN PLUMMER

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Sabres forward Jack Eichel missed out on a \$2-million bonus after the Oilers' Leon Draisaitl edged him out for 10th place in points per game

## The battle before the battle

**NHL PLAYOFFS** 

#### **Treliving** responds to Ducks GM's 'asinine' barbs

Their playoff series doesn't start until Thursday, but Calgary Flames general manager Brad Treliving has already countered with a shot across the bow of the Anaheim Ducks.

Treliving called Ducks GM Bob

We've been

one of the most

penalized teams

throughout the

that's something

the playoffs.

**Troy Brouwer** 

Murray's criticism of Calgary captain Mark Giordano "asinine" on Monday.

Murray said Giordano went for Cam Fowler's knee when he collided with regular season and Treliving said. the Ducks defenceman in a 3-1 Anaheim that really needs to home win last change going into Tuesday.

"Well, he's done this before," Murray

said two days after the game. "I have no respect for people who go after knees.

"I'm sorry, but knees, they wreck your careers real quick. I don't like it."

four-to-six weeks. Fowler is Anaheim's top-scoring defenceman with 11 goals and 28 assists while averaging a team-high 25 minutes of ice time per game.

Giordano wasn't penalized on the play. He fought Ducks defenceman Josh Manson in a fractious third period that featured a combined 106 penalty minutes.

Treliving said Murray's ulterior motive with his opinion was to plant a seed in officials' minds ahead of their playoff matchup that the Flames are a dirty team.

"For someone to suggest that Mark Giordano is a dirty player or it was an intentional hit, those are asinine comments,"

"I don't think making comments about opposing players ... there's a method to the madness there.

"It's to try to put something in the officials' heads going into the series."

Giordano spoke of moving on from the incident. But he'll likely be the villain at the Honda Centre for the first two games Murray said Fowler is out Thursday and Saturday in their



Ducks defenceman Josh Manson and Flames blue-liner Mark Giordano engage in fisticuffs in Anaheim on April 4. ALEX GALLARDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

best-of-seven series.

"As far as Fowler, I hope he's OK," Giordano said. "It was never my intent to obviously injure

"But it's in the past. As a team and as an individual, we're just focusing on the series."

The Fowler incident and ensuing comments pour gasoline on the natural animosity between the playoff combatants.

"There's going to be a lot of games within the game," veteran forward Matt Stajan said. "Gio is one of our best players so he'd probably be a target anyway."

With almost 100 games of playoff experience, winger Troy Brouwer says the post-season

isn't the place for vigilante justice. He added the Flames can't afford to be goaded.

"They're not going to do anything that's going to compromise winning hockey games," Brouwer said. "It's going to be a physical series and we can't get sucked into that."

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#### IN BRIEF

#### Canada would likely gain entry as World Cup co-host

Canada and Mexico will only get a slice of soccer's biggest prize if the joint North American bid for the 2026 World Cup is successful.

The proposed blueprint calls for 60 of the 80 games in the new expanded tournament format to be held in the U.S. with 10 going to Canada and 10 to Mexico.

The good news for Canada, which has qualified just once for the men's World Cup, is the push to maintain the tradition of having the tournament host(s) automatically qualify.

The three-nation bid was officially launched on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Canucks fire Desjardins

The Vancouver Canucks have fired head coach Willie Desjardins after a miserable 2016-17 season.

The team announced the move Monday, less than 24 hours after losing its eighth straight game in regulation. The Canucks finished 29th in the NHL's overall standings.

In three seasons with Vancouver, Desiardins compiled a 109-110-27 record. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Serves 4

#### Ingredients

- 2 large bunches of asparagus (500g)
- 1-2 Tbsp of extra virgin olive oil 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 4 pieces of smoked (streaky) bacon, diced
- handful of cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ cup of dry white wine
- salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400. Snap the ends of the asparagus - it'll always break where the woody bit ends, so you won't end up eating tough, stringy stems - and keep the ends with the tips. In a roasting pan, add the asparagus and the rest of the ingredients.
- 2. Toss it all together with your hands, squeezing the tomatoes slightly to get the juice out.
- 3. Bake for around 15-20 minutes, until the asparagus starts to brown a little and is nice and tender.

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#### **ACROSS**

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#### \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

50. Slimy stuff

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Aries March 21 - April 20 Expect a surprise from a friend or partner today, because today is a bit of a crapshoot. Keep your head down and your powder dry.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 Things at work will be unpredictable. It's a classic day for staff shortages, computer crashes, cancelled meetings and mixed-up communications. Fasten your seatbelt!

II Gemini May 22 - June 21 This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be extra vigilant if you are a parent. It's also an unpredictable day for social occasions and romantic get-togethers. Expect delays and cancellations.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 Small appliances might break down at home today or minor breakages could occur. Something unusual will change your home routine.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 This is a mildly accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Later in the day, you might want to do some long-term planning.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Keep an eye on your money today, because things are unpredictable. You might find money, or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss, theft or breakage.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 This is an up-and-down day for you. The only thing you can do is go with the flow. Be flexible when it comes to your ever-changing schedule.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 You feel restless today. That's OK, because this is a restless day. Ironically, it eventually will settle into a practical, solid routine.

✗ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 A friend will surprise you today. Alternatively, you might meet someone new today who is a real character. At least, it's not a boring day.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Go gently during important discussions with parents and bosses today, because something unexpected might catch you off guard. Think before you react. Be aware and mindful.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Travel plans are unpredictable today. You might suddenly have to travel for unexpected reasons, or planned travel might be interrupted or cancelled.

)-( Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20 Double-check all details pertaining to shared property, banking, taxes and debt today, because something is awry. Make sure you know what's going on.

#### **CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green**

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